



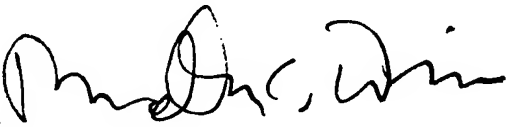
REMARKS

The specification is being amended to correct a typographical error. The identification of the co-pending patent application is being corrected to U.S. Application No. 10/269,818. Although this application number was typed incorrectly in the specification, the number was correctly identified in the Application Data Sheet. Applicant submits that the benefit of the priority claim is preserved.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectively request that the Examiner consider the amendment. The Applicants furthermore submit that new material is not being added to the patent application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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